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Sell not heaven for earth.
 Stand not on cruelty.
 Seek not to consult but with the wise.
 Sojourn but with the fortunate.

METAPHYSICS*.

In every person there is a soul :
 In every soul there is intelligence :
 In every intelligence there is thought :
 In every thought there is either good or evil :
 In every evil there is death :
 In every good there is life :
 In every life there is God.

WELSH PROVERBS.

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To pawn a piece of flesh with a cat.
 To be silent is to confess.
 Death is the ripeness of age.
 The propensity of the stag is towards the water.
 The outlaw's wish is a long night.
 Let him, that bears the bag, support himself out of it.
 That man marches boldly to battle, who has God for his protector.
 He, that goes to the games, should leave his skin at home.
 A hearth will invite.
 Polluted are the lips of the perjured.
 He, that has bread in abundance, will go merrily to beg milk.
 What is pleasing to God is certain.
 He that is the head, let him become the bridge †.

* Arch. of Wales, vol. iii. p. 48.

† This proverb must appear obscure without some explanation. It owes its birth to the following event, related in the Mabinogion. Bran, a celebrated chief of the Britons, commanding an army of his countrymen in Ireland, arrived upon one occasion at a river, which they were unable to ford. And, as they had no means at hand of forming a bridge, the generous leader threw himself across the stream, thus enabling his army to make a bridge of his body.

To reject (a proffered gift) is waste.
 What has been at the top of the sack will go to the bottom *
 He, that was once a man, has become no man †.
 Who covets honour should be powerful.
 He, that desires praise, let him die.
 He, that desires a pressing offer, let him appear sick.
 Who covets health should be cheerful.
 What has been got on the horse of Malen will be spent under
 his belly ‡.
 He, that hoards, shall have when he wants.
 What the old crow croaks the young one will echo.
 The man, that complains too much, does not complain at all.
 Even the morsel of a stag is charity §.
 Patience is the limit of knowlege.
 Before we act, we should propose.
 The solicitude of a dog for a bag of salt.
 Crows are more numerous than hawks.
 Where there is no love, there will be abundance of censure.

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BARDIC NOTICES.

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To the EDITOR of the CAMBRO-BRITON.

SIR,—One of our *desiderata* in Welsh Literature is a short Biographical History of our Bards, for want of which many parts of their works are scarcely intelligible. Mr. William Owen Pughe has done something in this way in his *Cambrian Bio-*

* The Arabic proverb on the contrary says, "What was a hip has become an arm."

† This is the literal translation of *adyn*, which, however, implies also a miserable being, a wretch.

‡ The liberal signification of this proverb is, that what has been acquired by violence or rapine soon perishes. Hence perhaps the English adage, "What is got on the Devil's back," &c.;—and to the same effect is the maxim of Plautus, "*Malè partum malè disperit.*" Some account of Malen, probably synonymous with Bellona, was given in the 4th Number of the *CAMBRO-BRITON*, p. 125.

§ This has reference to the following ancient custom. When a stag was killed it was divided, according to the laws of hunting, amongst all persons present. And every one, that might accidentally arrive before the deer was skinned, was entitled to a share. For stag-hunting was one of the three common games.